

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 19, 2010

The Graduate Council met on October 19, 2010, in Wingo 315. The following members participated: Clay Arnold, Tim Bisping, Jane Dahlenburg, Lisa Daniels, Ramesh Garimella, Bruce Hutchinson, Terry James, Jeff Jarvis, Paul Jensen, Erica Johnson, Patty Kohler-Evans, Mary McCullough, Mark McMurtrey, Elaine McNiece, Susan Moss-Logan (proxy), Josy Morelle, Rick Noyes, Vamsi Paruchuri, Joan Simon, Wayne Stengel (proxy), Barbara Williams (proxy), and Jaime Zambrano.

- I. Graduate Council Minutes from September 16, 2010 were approved unanimously.
- II. Subcommittee I recommended approval of the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Creative Writing as revised following deliberations of the subcommittee. Scott Payne and Mark Spitzer responded to questions and distributed revised documents. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- III. Subcommittee II recommended approval of the 2009-2010 Graduate Council Report for Faculty Senate as amended (attached). Vote to approve was unanimous. The report will be forwarded to Senate President Burley for posting on the Faculty Senate Web page.
- IV. Joan Simon distributed a revision of the Graduate School Statement of Purpose for discussion. It will be placed on the November Graduate Council agenda. Dean McNiece encouraged Council members to submit graduate program initiatives during the strategic planning process.

Information Items:

- I. Approval of Graduate Faculty Appointments

Dr. Jeff Allender, Geography, Initial (three years)
Dr. Gary Bunn, Teaching & Learning, Continued (eight years)
Dr. Noel Campbell, EFIRM, Initial (eight years)
Dr. Wendy Castro, History, Continued (eight years)
Ms. Mara Cawein, Teaching & Learning, Continued (three years)
Dr. Rob Christensen, Teaching & Learning, Initial (three years)
Dr. William Craddock, Geography (CED), Initial (three years)
Dr. Lisa Daniels, Teaching & Learning, Continued (eight years)
Dr. Matt Harper, History, Initial (three years)
Ms. Christy Hogan, Teaching and Learning, Initial (three years)
Dr. Chenyi Hu, Computer Science, Continued (eight years)
Dr. Don Jones, History, Continued (eight years)
Dr. David McCalman, Geography (CED), Continued (eight years)
Dr. David Neilson, History, Continued (eight years)
Mr. Willaim Polk, Geography (CED), Continued (three years)
Dr. Pat Ramsey, History, Continued (eight years)
Ms. Charlotte Strickland, Geography (CED), Initial (three years)
Dr. Donna Wake, Teaching & Learning, Initial (three years)
Ms. Amy Whitehead, Geography (CED), Initial (three years)
Dr. Cheryl Wiedmaier, Teaching & Learning, Continued (eight years)
Dr. Jeff Whittingham, Teaching & Learning, Continued (eight years)
Dr. Michael Yoder, Geography, Initial, (eight years)

Announcements:

1. The next meeting for the Graduate Council will be Thursday, Nov 18, 2010, X period, Wingo 315.
2. Advertisements for a Director of Leadership Studies are being posted in multiple venues. Dean Diana Pounder is chair of the search committee.
3. The Graduate School and Torreyson Library are entering a partnership agreement to submit the theses and dissertations of UCA graduates to the Proquest/UMI Thesis & Dissertation database. After 70+ years of service, Proquest/UMI remain committed to preserving and expanding the scholarly record as a unique contribution to global scholarship. In 2009 researchers from over 3,000 universities, government bodies, and corporations worldwide utilized the precise, targeted searching of the database over 200 million times. Becoming a partner will facilitate the discovery of UCA's graduate research and enhance the visibility of the University.
4. UCA's Division of International Engagement is producing international graduate student recruiting brochures for the Graduate School and for selected graduate programs that have an appeal to international students.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Dahlenburg, Secretary